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Ed's Piece

As I write this Christmas is still exactly one month away...this becomes my first Christmas card. As it will go this year to at least I48 people and wont cost me any postage, that seems a fair return for the input of effort. Still as Chairman says in his letter, it would be nice to Know what a lot more of you look like. That is one of the drawbacks of a Club like ours. Anyway good luck and prosperity to you in 1977 and let us hope that the expected mini-budget does'nt put too much of a damper on Christmas.

Despite the effects of inflation the subscription rates remain the same. ... if we can do it one wonders why so many other organisations seem to accept regular annual increases. I have a feeling that we have become so conditioned to price rises that we no longer stop to consider whether they are really justified. I bet petrol (gas to our U.S. friends) does'nt go down when (and if) the dear old £ regains some of it's value. There really seems no glimmer at the end of the tunnel yet and one wonders where it will all end, or if it ever will. I think Rob's Mayflower will soon have to be converted to one pony-power (anyone got any gash shafts?) whether or not daughter Kim concurs! Humdrum (the pony) may also have different ideas, but he has no say, although even this is not strictly true as anyone who has been around when we are late with the hay can testify! Still the day could well come when he will be worth all the hay, pony nuts, shoeing and so on that Dad (and Mum) have stumped up for over the last five years or so. The condition of some of our local roads makes one wonder if it will be sooner rather than later. Why is it that with all our modern technology we do not seem to have mastered the problem of refilling a trench to the same level as the adjacent surface?

Enough of our woes, the time of good cheer approacheth! I have tried to make this a real Christmas issue with something of interest to all the family. We even have some articles and notes for the technical this time. My pleas for material have been answered to some extent, for which I am extremely grateful, but keep it coming. And you ladies, let me have contributions for the proposed Ladies Page in future issues...you must all have hints and wrinkles as to picnic meals, motoring clothing, what to do while the men yak about cars, yarns about journeys you will never forget, or even articles about things completely divorced from motoring.

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Will this soon be true?

If computers had existed in the early I800's, before Otto invented his cycle and Daimler and Benz got together, they would probably have predicted that with the population increase expected by now there would be so much horse drawn transport that we would be unable to clear away the manure.